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For: WHEEL STRUCTURE AND WHEEL MOUNTING  
METHOD

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
(SUBMISSION CONCURRENT WITH THE  
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March 18, 2004

Sir:

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JP-B2-8-25363 is cited on page 1 of the specification. Additionally, attached hereto is a translation of the claim, thereby satisfying the relevancy requirements.

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An English language version of the search report or action that indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office is attached, thereby satisfying the requirement for a concise explanation. See MPEP 609(III)(A)(3).

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[What is Claimed is]

[Claim 1] A rear wheel for a motorcycle which is rotatably mounted on an axle attached to a rear fork of said motorcycle and comprises a hub to which a driven sprocket wheel for transmitting driving power is attached in an engaging state with each other, characterized in that a collar in which said axle is rotatably fitted is mounted in said hub and has an end portion extending to a location in the proximity of an outer end portion of said hub, and said driven sprocket wheel is rotatably mounted on an outer periphery of the end portion of said collar and a locking member for being contacted by said driven sprocket wheel to constrain a relative movement of said collar in an axial direction is attached integrally to the outer periphery of the end portion of said collar.